

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATOR KARA HAHN



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Trail's Blazers Set to Open New Hiking Path in Stony Brook Park

Legislator Hahn and advocates for County park's creation to mark installation of nature trail first envisioned over one and a half decades ago.

What:

On Monday, July 27, 2015, Suffolk County Legislator Kara Hahn and founding members of the Coalition to Save Stony Brook Village will officially open an approximate 1.5 mile hiking trail within Forsythe Meadow County Park. The path's addition marks the latest in a series of improvements made to increase accessibility at the Park, including the addition of a six car parking area and fencing installed by local Boy Scouts.

The 34 acre site was purchased by the County in 2000 after developmental pressures threatened to turn "Stony Brook's Last Forrest" into a 40 lot subdivision. At the time, a coalition of civic and community groups pushed for then Legislator Vivian Vilorio-Fisher to pursue an acquisition by the County for passive park purposes, including hiking.

In April, 2012 the preserve portion of Forsythe Meadow County Park was rededicated in memory of former Suffolk County Legislator Nora Bredes who represented the area from 1992 through 1998.

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Who:

Suffolk County Legislator Kara Hahn

New York State Assemblyman Steven Englebright

Brookhaven Town Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright

Former Deputy Presiding Officer Vivian Vilorio-Fisher, Sponsor of 1999
Legislation Authorizing Suffolk County to Acquire Forsythe Meadow

Gregory Dawson, Commissioner of the Suffolk County Department of Parks,
Recreation and Conservation

Cynthia Barnes and Louise Harrison of the Coalition for the Future of Stony
Brook Village

Other Civic and Community Representatives

When:

Monday, July 27, 2015

3:30 PM

Where:

Forsythe Meadow County Park

52 Hollow Road

Stony Brook, New York 11790

Visuals:

A ribbon cutting at the trail head located within a lush green meadow. Trail leads through a forest of diverse animal and plant life to a meadow with winter views of Stony Brook Harbor and the Long Island Sound.